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Remarks

All currently pending claims (claims 66-74) have been canceled and claims 75-95 have been added. Claims 75-95 are pending. Support for new claims 75-95 appears in general throughout the specification and, in particular, as follows:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Support</u>
75	page 4, line 31 - page 5, line 6
76	page 8, line 9
77	page 4, line 31 - page 5, line 6
78	page 8, line 9
79	page 6, line 27-28
80	page 7, line 6
81	page 8, lines 12-13
82	page 8, line 9
83	page 8, line 12
84	page 8, line 9
85	page 8, lines 10-16
86	page 8, line 12
87	page 8, line 12
88	page 8, lines 12-13
89	page 8, line 12
90	page 8, line 9
91	page 6, lines 27-28
92	page 7, line 5
93	page 7, line 6
94	page 8, line 15
95	page 6, lines 27-28, page 7, line 5, and previous claims 27 and 30

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The aspect of the invention defined in new independent claims 75, 77, 81, and 83 is directed to a drywall joint compound comprising filler, binder, dust reducing additive comprising an oil, and water. The oil comprises mineral oil (claim 75), vegetable oil (claim 77), is derived from petroleum (claim 81), or comprises saturated oil (claim 83). New independent claim 85 is directed to a drywall joint compound comprising filler, binder, dust reducing additive comprising a mixture of at least two oils, and water. And new independent claim 95 is directed to a drywall joint compound comprising between about 60% and about 70% filler material, between about 4% and 14% binder material, between about 1.5% and 6% dust reducing additive comprising a mixture of mineral oil and unsaturated oil, and water. Because none of the cited references discloses, teaches, or suggests such a joint compound, new independent claims 75, 77, 81, 83, 85, and 95 are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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